

CLAIMS

1. A protective device for the drive unit (10) of a watercraft such as a sport boat, in particular a sport motor boat, a fishing vessel or the like, especially having a Z-drive, the protective device (14) being configured as a housing (16) with dimensionally stable housing shell parts (18), which, in the mutually connected closed state, enclose the drive unit (10) to be protected and bear one against the other with their closing edges (22), which correspond to one another in shape, characterized in that the housing shell parts (18) consist of a lightproof material and are intended with their closing edges (22) to enclose the drive unit (10) in a seal-tight manner and have an opening edge (24) which is intended to bear in a sealing manner against the hull of the watercraft, the opening edge (24) having a lip seal (26) and the housing shell parts (18) having on their closing edges (22) a sealing element (28).

2. The protective device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the housing (16) has two housing shell parts (18), which are mutually connected by means of a hinge (20).

3. The protective device as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that the hinge (20) is provided on edge portions, remote from the opening edges (24), of the closing edges (22) of the two housing shell parts (18).

4. The protective device as claimed in one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that the housing (16) with its housing shell parts (18) is matched approximately in shape to the form of the drive unit (10).

5. The protective device as claimed in one of

claims 1 to 4, characterized in that the housing shell parts (18) consist of glass-fiber reinforced plastic or acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene.

5      6.            The protective device as claimed in one of claims 1 to 5, characterized in that the housing (16) is fastenable to the drive unit (10), to be protected, of the watercraft.

10     7.            The protective device as claimed in claim 6, characterized in that the housing (16) is fastenable to the stern plate (12) of the drive unit (10) to be protected, which stern plate is fastened to the stern of the watercraft.